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1. *W.P.* I called Congressman Smith of Virginia and informed him that the Warrenton weekly paper had published an article containing general information of the Government's desire to find a site in that area. [I stated that the article appeared to be a collection of rumors and that a representative of the Defense Department would set the paper straight.] Cong. Smith expressed regret that he did not have any advance notice of the publication as he might have been able to keep it out of the paper and would have been happy to try.

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W.P. I also informed him that we had abandon^d the thought of [redacted] at which he expressed great gratification. *W.P.* I stated that when we had finally selected the site *W.P.* I would be happy to inform him of its whereabouts, but the Congressman stated that he would prefer not to know about it if he did not have to, and that he would call us if he got any kick. He was extremely cordial throughout.